



STENSLAND IN CHICAGO.

Bank Wrecker Declares He Will Convert Many Others.

Paul O. Stensland, the fugitive president of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank of Chicago, who was taken off at quarantine at 5:30 o'clock Monday evening and passed the night in a cell at the Mulberry street detective headquarters in New York City, started for Chicago in charge of Assistant State Attorney Harry Olson and other Chicago officials, by the Twentieth Century limited at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and arrived there at 8:30 Wednesday morning. Stensland declared he would plead guilty and turn State's evidence. He promised to tell enough to convict the men who were his conspirators or who worked with their knowledge of his guilt to stack up forgeries on the foundation of wrongdoing which he had built.

"I want to straighten out matters," said Stensland. "There is a good deal behind this case, and I want to show the public that I am not the black sheep I have been painted."

Stensland made a voluntary statement to Police Inspector McLaughlin in New York. Trembling with emotion, and with tears falling down his cheeks, the ex-bank president said:

"I made some bad investments and they did not act as quickly as I thought they would. They were not paying. The man under me—the cashier, I mean—got advantage of the situation, and he got more than I. All I got was \$400,000, but I don't know what the other man got. The money I went away with was a few thousand dollars that I made in a real estate speculation last summer. I had been always in hope of paying the money back, but I suppose all is lost. I am suffering from asthma. I want to get back to Chicago just as quickly as possible."

Stensland said soon after leaving the Prinz Adalbert:

"My transactions with the bank involve \$400,000. All deficits, deficiencies or losses over that amount have been the work of Hering, his co-conspirators and other men who can be proved guilty."

As the total amount involved in the bank failure is placed at over \$2,000,000, Stensland's charge accuses the

TO RESTORE GREAT GAME.

Government Proposes to Establish a National Preserve.

Nearly 90,000 acres in one natural game preserve! Such is the new enterprise which the national government is establishing in Oklahoma.

As far back as tribal tradition runs, the Wichita mountain region has been the favorite hunting grounds of the Comanche and Kiowa Indians, drawn thither by abundance of game and delightful climate. But now game, like the Indians, is largely a thing of the past. It is proposed to reproduce in this splendid natural park all the best species of game animals and birds that once made the great West the hunter's paradise. Deer, antelope, bear, the otter and beaver, quail and doves, prairie chickens and wild turkeys will be given protection and encouraged to increase and multiply.

Probably the most interesting feature of the undertaking will be an effort to have, in the course of years, large herds of buffalo again roam the plains within the reservation—as they did before the pitiless warfare upon them was carried so nearly to the point of extermination.

At present the preserve is tenanted only by such game birds and animals, pliable few in number, as have escaped the horde of hunters who have overrun that region ever since Oklahoma was opened to settlement. The animals of importance are deer, antelope, small black bear, mountain lions, bobcats, wolves, coyotes, otter and beaver. Before the adjacent country was opened for settlement, deer and antelope were plentiful, but both have been slaughtered almost to extermination. The deer are usually found on the high ridges, while the antelope feed in the prairies. Both, however, can still be found in sufficient numbers to form a start for large herds, if they were given the necessary protection.

More Hippie Securities.

The investigation of the affairs of the wrecked Real Estate Trust Company of Philadelphia disclosed more than \$5,000,000 in bad loans outside of the Segal operations. These notes were part of deals worked solely by the late President Hippie. Receiver Earle made public his reorganization plans as follows: The depositors to receive one-third of their deposits in cash and to agree to accept preferred stock for the remaining two-thirds. This preferred stock to be retired by cash payments later on when the company declares the 8 per cent dividend; the directors to subscribe \$2,500,000. This plan has been approved by the directors and waits the approval of the depositors and stockholders.

Homeopathy Against Absorption.

When the international homeopathic congress began its sessions at Atlantic City, Dr. William E. Green, president of the American Institute of Homeopathy, delivered an address, the keynote of which was "no compromise with allopaths." The

POLITICAL COMMENT

Land Values High.

The Hon. James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, has recently received 45,000 letters from so many prominent and substantial citizens, giving, at his request, their estimate of the increase of the value of farm lands in their respective neighborhoods since 1900. By this method the Secretary has reached into practically every community in the United States, and as he asked every correspondent to base his estimate on each instance on medium lands, leaving out the very poor and the extremely valuable, the result is believed to be as accurate as could be achieved. Almost all other estimates on farm lands in the past have been too low, because they have been based upon the tax assessment valuation, which is notoriously an undervaluation in every community, but Secretary Wilson's correspondents were instructed to fix the value in each case at the price at which the land could be sold if thrown upon the market. Thus it is believed that these figures are the first ever collected to come approximately near the truth, and the result is decidedly interesting.

An average valuation for each State was struck and also one for the country at large, and the gain in each State has been a handsome one. In 1900 the total value of all the farm lands in the United States, including improvements, was \$18,270,503,887, and in 1906 it was \$24,410,276,063, figures which are eloquent of the effect the general prosperity of the country has upon the farm. Another significant feature brought out is that the greatest increase, proportionately, came to the Central States. The North Central States gained, in round figures, \$3,500,000,000, while the South Central gained \$1,200,000,000. The Atlantic and the far Western States also gained handsomely, but only by millions and not by billions.

Among the individual States perhaps the most striking gains in value were made by Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Ohio and Nebraska, all of which gained an average of not less than \$10 per acre. Illinois appears to be the banner State of all in this respect, her average gain being \$21 per acre. Iowa's gain was \$15 per acre; Ohio, \$10; Indiana, \$11; Missouri, \$10; Nebraska, \$11; Wisconsin, \$11, while such good States as Michigan went ahead only \$7 per acre, Minnesota only \$7 and Kansas only \$8. North Dakota gained \$8 and South Dakota \$9.

Among the Southern States the most striking gain was recorded by Louisiana, the development of the rice fields helping that State greatly. Louisiana's gain was an average of \$8 per acre. The only other Southern State to approach this was Kentucky, with a gain of \$7. Many of the others ran from \$3 to \$5. This does not apply to the Atlantic coast Southern States, where the gains averaged slightly larger, one State, Florida, showing an average of \$9 per acre, which was the biggest gain of any Atlantic coast State, North or South. Among the far Western States Washington makes the best showing, her gain being almost \$10 per acre, and her closest competitor is Idaho, with a gain of over \$9.

At the present time the average price per acre of farm lands in the Middle Western States is as follows: Ohio, \$37.43; Indiana, \$34.90; Illinois, \$37.31; Michigan, \$36.28; Iowa, \$34.56; Missouri, \$34.70; North Dakota, \$18.42; South Dakota, \$22.56; Nebraska, \$31.73; Kansas, \$23.90.

A Measure of Bryan.

"Bryan lacks nerve, the Democratic party lacks cohesion and organization. For these reasons Bryan, if elected, and backed up by a Democratic House and Senate, will accomplish practically nothing."

This is the opinion of ex-Senator Marion Butler of North Carolina, first a Democrat, then a Populist, now a Republican. Mr. Butler has a poor opinion of William Jennings Bryan as a doer of things, although he admits his sincerity and honesty. He pointed out what he conceives to be the weak spots of Mr. Bryan as follows:

"I think that if Bryan had been elected President when Roosevelt was elected, and at the same time had a Democratic Congress with him, he would have been unable to carry out his promises, although he would have tried to do so. He would have failed on account of the want of cohesion and organization, not to say want of sincerity, in the Democratic House and Senate. There is a want of cohesion in the party. When it is in power each man is his own leader, they will not pull together as a unit. They never have, and I do not think they ever will. It has been a party of negation; it is magnificent in kicking and opposing. It is a failure when in power at producing results."

The training of the party and the individual members of it has been that of opposition and not of construction. So the fine platitudes have failed to materialize, and always will. This, as I say, is because of the absence of organization, system and unity. The Republican leaders, on the other hand, no matter how widely divergent their views may be, manage to get together and to do things."

Idea Not New.

The idea of government ownership is not the private property of Mr. Bryan by right of prior discovery. The State of Indiana lost a million and a half dollars in the first half of the last century as the result of trying to build a railway from Madison to Indianapolis. Governor Folk says that Missouri lost many millions while engaging in business that properly belongs to private enterprise, and has no handkerchiefs after further experimentation in the same direction. The third party prohibitionists have repeatedly declared for government ownership, and the theory has been one of the cardinal tenets of Populism since that movement first originated. Mr.

Bryan, in fact, is infringing on the political copyrights of all the third party movements, and rejecting the results which experience has yielded in every case where the scheme has been tried out.

Prosperity's Shortage.

The Evansville Courier, a leading Democratic paper of Indiana, thus describes the existing prosperous conditions of the country:

Probably no such widespread shortage was ever known in the United States as may now be found.

The agricultural interests of the country have been experiencing a great shortage of help, and the total supply of farm hands is far below the demand.

Many of the great manufacturing concerns, notably in some of the steel and iron districts, are handicapped by a shortage of labor.

The railroads are embarrassed by a shortage of cars, and the facilities for the prompt moving of the great crops are strikingly inadequate.

The money market is suffering from a shortage of funds with which to conduct the tremendous commerce of the country.

These various shortages, which are all pronounced and which might be supplemented by others, are born of the abounding prosperity which the United States is experiencing in this record-breaking year. The volume of agencies and accommodations needed to handle the business, which this country is now transacting from day to day is enormous.

The Paramount Issue.

In his eloquent speech at the Ohio Republican State convention Senator Foraker said:

"We are to have a Congressional election. Congressional elections are always important, but they are especially and particularly so this year. They are thus unusually important because this year they involve not only the political complexion of the next House of Representatives, but they involve also directly and immediately the question whether or not the American people propose in November next to endorse and approve the administration of Theodore Roosevelt. Each and every man is running in his district, but Theodore Roosevelt is running in every district. That is true, because he has had more to do than any other President ever before with the legislation that Congress has been enacting."

A Prosperous People.

There are 100,000 stockholders in the United States Steel Corporation, of whom about 35,000 are employees. There are 3,000 stockholders in the Swift Beef Company, of whom 4,000 are employees. There are 7,000 farmers who own stock in the Illinois Central Railroad. Eighty per cent of the stock of the great Santa Fe Railroad is owned by small stockholders. Nearly 6,000 farmers own stock in the Boston & Maine Railroad system. Forty-eight per cent of the families of this nation own some real estate. Ninety-five per cent of the real estate mortgages of this nation represent prosperity. That is, they represent a family that, starting from nothing, is gradually paying for a home.—Kansas City Journal.

Farmers Are Satisfied.

Fat lambs sold a few days ago in Chicago as high as \$7.00. Pretty good price, and the farmer who is engaged in sheep industry is not grumbling. Yet there are Democratic politicians who are going to vote for a policy that brought disaster to the sheep industry and to about every industry the farmer was engaged in a dozen years ago. The farmer will not be very greatly influenced by the Democratic vote bank this year. They are pretty well satisfied with present industrial conditions.—Seymour (Ind.) Republican.

Value of Utilized Wastes.

Thirty years ago for every ton of finished product turned out by our manufacturers there was from one to several hundred pounds of materials which were thrown away as waste. Not only was this so-called "waste material" considered valueless, but the disposition of it was often a source of considerable expense and annoyance to the manufacturers. Owing to the wonderful progress of chemical knowledge during the last quarter of a century, and the constant finding of new revelations and uses for substances of all kinds, a complete revolution has been wrought in nearly every branch of the manufacturing industry. Instead of this waste material being a source of expense to manufacturers, the experiments of chemists have shown how it can be converted into products which have a high marketable value, and it is no exaggeration to say that the value of products annually manufactured out of materials which 30 years ago were thrown away as waste to-day amounts to fully \$500,000,000—a sum equal to nearly seven times the annual production of gold in the United States.

Sweet Attraction.

"Labor like the nut," advised the wise mother.

The lazy boy sulked. Presently he rushed back in great glee.

"Oh, mamma!" he exclaimed, excitedly. "Can I labor like the nut right now?"

"You certainly can, my son," replied the delighted mother, "but what prompted you so suddenly?"

"Why, I just found an army of ants laboring around your jam jars."

Her Dear Paw.

"Say, paw?" queried little Eva Enpeck, "what is a martyr?"

"A martyr, my dear, is what your maw is married to," answered Mr. Enpeck sadly.

Avoid over-eating. Of the two evils it is better to eat too little than too much.

No Mistake.

The editor was apologizing over the telephone for an annoying typographical error in his paper.

"In our account of the meeting at which you were chairman last night, 'colored,' he said, 'we tried to say, 'following is a detailed report of the proceedings,' but it appeared in print, as perhaps you have noticed, 'following is a detailed report,' and so forth. Mistakes of that kind, you know, will—"

"It may have been an accident," interrupted the man at the other end of the wire, "but it wasn't a mistake. You didn't track most of the report."

Anything But a Joke.

"These alleged jokes about the summer girl who gets engaged just for fun," remarked the sad-eyed passenger as he let a comic weekly fall to the floor of the car, "make me real weary."

"What's the answer?" queried the hardware drummer.

"I met that kind of a girl last summer," explained the sad-eyed party, "and thinking the joke compilers knew their business, I got engaged to her."

"Well?" said the h. d., as the other paused to light his pipe.

"But instead of acting according to the dope sheet," continued he of the sad optics, "she jumped the hurdle and married me about the time the leaves began to turn."

Good Idea.

"I have many beautiful thoughts," said the long-haired boarder, who imagines he is a born poet, "that I propose to give to the public in the near future."

"That's a good idea, young man," growled the fussy bachelor. "It's a cinch you could never induce the public to buy them."

Mrs. Winkelman's Brooming Service for Children (including school boys, ladies in domestic, etc.) 25 cents a session.

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for some time; head has ached and back also; has slept poorly, been quite nervous, and nearly fainted once or twice; head dizzy, and heart beats very fast; then that bearing-down feeling, and during her periods she is exceedingly despondent. Nothing pleases her. Her doctor says: "Cheer up; you have dyspepsia; you will be all right soon."

But she doesn't get "all right," and hope vanishes; then come the brooding, morbid, melancholy, everlasting BLUES.

Don't wait until your sufferings have driven you to despair, with your nerves all shattered and your courage gone, but take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. See what it did for Mrs. Rosa Adams, of 819 12th Street, Louisville, Ky., niece of the late General Roger Hanson, C.S.A. She writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham: "I cannot tell you with pen and ink what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me. I suffered with female troubles, extreme lassitude, the blues, nervousness and that all-gone feeling. I was advised to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and it not only cured my female troubles, but it has restored me to perfect health and strength. The buoyancy of my younger days has returned, and I do not suffer any longer with despondency, as I did before. I am now as healthy as a young girl. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a boon to sick and suffering women."

If you have some derangement of the female organism write Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., for advice.

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To Republicans.

We are anxious to have every Republican in close touch, and working in harmony with the Republican National Congressional Committee in favor of the election of a Republican Congress.

The Congressional campaign must be based on the administrative and legislative record of the party, and that being so, Theodore Roosevelt's personality must be a central figure and his achievements a central thought in the campaign.

We desire to maintain the work of this campaign with popular subscriptions of one dollar each from Republicans. To each subscriber we will send the Republican National Campaign Text Book and all documents issued by the committee.

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JAMES S. SHERMAN,

Chairman.

P. O. Box 2063, New York.

Republican State Ticket.

For Governor—Fred M. Warner.

For Lieutenant Governor—Patrick H. Kelly.

For Secretary of State—George A. Prescott.

For State Treasurer—Frank H. Glasier.

For Auditor General—James B. Bradley.

For State Land Commissioner—William H. Rose.

For Attorney General—John E. Bird.

For Member Board of Education—Dexter M. Ferry.

Democratic State Ticket.

For Governor—Chas. H. Kimmerle, Cassopolis.

For Secretary of State—P. J. Devine, Stanton.

For State Treasurer—Charles Wellman, Port Huron.

For Attorney General—Judge E. J. Doyle, Grand Rapids.

For Superintendent of Public Instruction—Elmer R. Webster, Pontiac.

For Auditor General—John Yuill, Vanderbilt.

For State Land Commissioner—C. L. Sheldon, Bay City.

For State Board Education—James E. Sullivan, Muskegon.

Republican County Convention.

To the Republican Electors of Crawford County:

The County Convention of the Republicans of Crawford county by delegates, is called to meet at the Court House in the village of Grayling on Saturday the 20th day of October, 1906, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of nominating county officers and to transact such other business as properly may come before said convention.

The several townships are entitled to the following representation to wit: Beaver Creek 5; Frederic 13; Grayling 19; Maple Forest 7; South Branch 2; total 46.

By order of the Republican County Committee.

Dated at Grayling this 26th day of September, 1906.

MARIUS HANSON, Chairman.

JOHN J. NIEDERER, Secretary.

Democratic Senatorial Convention.

The democratic senatorial convention for the twenty-eighth district, will be held in the city of West Branch, Ogemaw county, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of October, 1906, at 11 o'clock, a. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination a candidate for state senator, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

The counties in the district are entitled to representation as follows: Alcona, 5; Crawford, 2; Clare, 6; Adair, 4; Iosco, 7; Missaukee, 7; Ogemaw, 6; Oshtemo, 2; Roscommon, 2.

Dated Sept. 15, 1906.

L. J. PATTERSON, Chairman.

A. R. CANFIELD, Secretary.

Democratic County Convention.

Notice is hereby given that the Democrats of Crawford County will meet in convention at the Court House in the Village of Grayling, on Saturday October 6th, 1906, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the various county officers to be voted for at the coming election, and for the transaction of such other business as shall properly come before the convention.

The several townships will be entitled to the following representation: Maple Forest, 7; Frederic, 13; Grayling, 19; South Branch, 2; Beaver Creek, 5.

JOHN F. HUM,

Chairman Dem. Co., Com.

Dated Sept. 25, 1906.

The National encampment of the Spanish War Veterans' Association will be held in Washington on October 8. The three prominent candidates for national commander are Gen. G. W. Moulton, of Illinois; Marcus A. Ward, of New York, and Major Hodgson, of Washington. The Spanish War Veterans intend to have an annual reunion similar to that of the G. A. R.

The finding of an alleged mummy in the old Carlisle House in Alexandria, Va., and the subsequent enterprising action of the finder in permitting the people to see it at ten cents a head, was regarded as a good joke on the credulous Virginians by their fellow townsmen. Now comes the experts of Smithsonian Institute, however, and pronounce the mummy genuine and not made of cement, so was at first supposed.

GRAYLING SCHOOLMAINS' BACKS RIGHT TO SPARK.

The recent action of the Grayling board of education in restricting the social liberties of the teachers of that city in an attempt to infringe upon the future prospects of those appointed to train the young idea. The rule that the teachers shall not be permitted to attend parties during the week and that they shall refrain from the practice of being "steadied" is a blow at courting that will stir up a hornet's nest indeed.

The Grayling board fears for its teachers. Too many of them were married off during the past year. Evidently the board frowns down on the practice itself. The members thereof are all married men, who have had an opportunity to test married life. It has been suggested that they are not the brutes that the teachers consider them, but that their action has been taken, out of human kindness, that it is like a small boy's spanking, for the good of the victim? Nonsense!

But seriously, the action of the Grayling board is an abomination. It is a direct infringement of the private liberties of the teachers, over which the board has no jurisdiction. If the teachers are incompetent, if their work becomes of a low grade the board has the right to discharge them, but over their private life it has no control. And besides, any general mandate affecting this, is invalid because it is unconstitutional. It is the inalienable right of every woman to attend parties, marry, use powder and talk, and any rule that conflicts with this right is void. And even if legal such a rule could not be enforced.

It is safe to predict that the practice of "steadying" and of attending parties will continue in Grayling in spite of the determined effort of the board of education, as long as there remains an eligible young man—Saginaw Courier-Herald.

The idiosyncy of the writer of the above screed is a self evident fact. We apprehend that no school board in Michigan ever thought of such an action, and certainly not in Grayling, where the utmost confidence and good will has always existed between the teachers and board.

The crisis in Cuba is responsible for interference in the plans of Miss Helen Evans of Roxbury, and James T. O'Brien, chief machinists mate on the battle ship New Jersey. The young people were about to be married, and O'Brien had obtained a ten days furlough, when Secretary Bonaparte ordered the ship to Cuba. Miss Evans pleaded with the Secretary not to recall her lover, but to no avail. The Secretary however wrote her a personal letter of condolence, and the young lady is now anxiously hoping that Mr. Taft will bring about a speedy cessation of hostilities in the island.

The dedication of a monument to William McKinley at Columbus, Ohio, a few days ago recalls to mind the most aggressive principles of one of the most unique and lovable personalities our country has produced. William McKinley believed in the possibilities of the United States to lead and control the business movements of the world. He urged always the value of home enthusiasm and individual hopefulness as national assets. Work for all would mean contentment for many, he believed, and he gave the best days of his life to striving in directions that would exalt American labor and permanently establish its high position. The memory of William McKinley is healthful and helpful as an influence in American life.

The various lumbering concerns operating in this district and just now preparing for their winters work are experiencing much difficulty in getting men to go into the woods. The supply of labor is scarce and though the highest wages are offered it is almost impossible to get full crews of men, and particularly of good men. Any man who can do anything like a good days work finds no difficulty in getting a wage of \$35.00 per month with board included. Some of the better workmen can get \$40.00 per month.

Explanation of the difficulty is found in the increased demand for labor in all lines and in the colonization of the West. Many of the lumbermen have turned to railroading and others who formerly worked in the woods have gone west and taken up land to make homes for themselves. The supply for this district is drawn mostly from Quebec and at this season all the companies have employment agents at work there looking for men. The increase in the wage scale is almost phenomenal. It has practically doubled in ten years. A decade or 15 years ago not a few men worked in the lumberwoods for \$15.00 per month and they are said to have been better men than many of those now drawing twice or more than twice that amount with better camp accommodations provided.—Soo News.

H. B. Helen of Chicago, who is running a series of excursions from that city to Roscommon and Grayling, invites the citizens of these counties to meet the excursionists and show them the advantages of this section. Scores of them have already purchased land and will locate here. A large party arrived yesterday, and the excursion train will come six times more this year, on Wednesday every second week.

The hunting season is almost here, and the chance to get a first class Marlin rifle, 44 caliber is now cheap for cash or will trade for hardwood. Enquire at this office.

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Additional Local News.

Methodist Protestant Church, Grayling, Mich., (south side), Pastor—R. H. Cunningham. Services as follows: Preaching 1.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School, 12 m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7.30 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend the above services.

A meeting of our business men was held at the club rooms Tuesday, evening to arrange for the reception and entertainment of the Saginaw-Business men who are making a tour of Northern Michigan. Officers and committees were appointed to attend to the details. A banquet will be given at the opera house, and the club rooms opened for headquarters. We will tell you about it next week.

It is greatly to be desired that Michigan republicans will not permit the lack of an active and aggressive campaign in many counties on the part of their political opponents to cause a decrease in their vote or a loss of interest in their organization. The condition of republican supremacy which now exists in Michigan has been attained through hard work and good work on the part of Michigan republicans. Much of that which has been gained can be lost through lack of active effort to retain it. We are approaching a national campaign, in which a supreme effort is to be made in behalf of all the opponents of the republican party to accomplish its defeat. Only through well directed organized effort can such a result be prevented. Not a single point of advantage should be lost or any element permitted through lack of zeal and work on the part of Michigan republicans throughout the present campaign.

A meeting was held in the M. P. Church, (south side) for the purpose of organizing a class, under the auspices of the above named church. The meeting was called to order by the newly appointed Pastor R. H. Cunningham. After devotional exercises, the meeting was given into the hands of Rev. W. Coombs of Frederic, who proceeded with the class organization. The following officers were then elected: Class Leader—Bro. Roberts. Stewards—Bro. F. C. Jennings and Sisters Brint and Broolin. Secretary—Sister Jennings. It is hoped that the work will continue to grow, and that all will avail themselves of this opportunity of attending the services; the church is open to all who care to come and worship irrespective of denomination or creed, and that all will consider themselves cordially invited to attend these services.

It will probably be an item of news to most of our readers that our genial postmaster is not compelled to make change for you when you make purchases at Uncle Sam's office. This is a queer rule that not one in a thousand persons know. Buyers of stamps or any purchases at a postoffice must furnish their own change, i. e., the postmaster could insist on the buyer furnishing his own change if he sees fit to do it; but usually the postmaster is glad enough to get rid of his "chicken feed" and is willing to accommodate the public by making all the change it asks for. If a man wishes to buy 50 cents worth of stamps and has but a silver dollar, he would be compelled to buy a dollar's worth of stamps or go and get his silver dollar changed or do without his stamps if the postmaster was stubborn and refused to make change for him. This is the law. And postmasters are not compelled to take more than 25 pennies at one time, if they do not want them.

Mio, Mich., Sept. 22—Julius A. Dresser, accountant, of Detroit, has completed his investigation of the county treasurer's office. His report covers a period of 12 years, during which time three men held the position. During the four years of George Richardson's term a shortage of \$150 is reported. The errors are said to be purely clerical. Frank G. Noble, who succeeded him, is said to have been \$2.80 short. He is the former merchant and postmaster who disappeared some weeks ago, after borrowing various sums of money from many of his friends. The accounts of Thomas G. Woodward show a deficit of \$3.50. Woodward was found dead in bed on July 8, last, and is supposed to have committed suicide. It is said that he was Noble's tool in office and loaned him money from time to time. It also

appears that when Noble turned the office over to Woodward he retained \$4,500 of county money. Whether this has been paid is questionable. There is a shortage of about \$1,000 in the school funds, making a total shortage of more than \$7,000 for the bondsmen to make good. There will likely be some litigation, as the legality of some of the bonds is questioned. Noble's affairs were thrown into bankruptcy, and his stock and store were sold by auction last week to Messrs. McNichol & Solomon of Oscoda.

Proceedings of the Common Council.

[OFFICIAL.]

Grayling, Oct. 1, 1906.

Special meeting of the Common Council convened at the Court House, J. F. Hum, President in the chair. Present: Trustees Connine, Peterson, Amidon, McCullough and McElroy.

Abcent, none.
Meeting called to order by the President.
Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Moved and supported that the report of the Finance Committee be accepted and orders drawn for the several amounts. Motion Carried.

REPORT.

To the President and Trustees of the Common Council, village of Grayling: Your Finance Committee would recommend that the following bills be allowed as follows:

| | Ci'd. | All'd. |
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| 1. Peter Hanson, labor | \$ 1.65 | \$ 1.65 |
| 2. G. Langevin, m'w'k | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| 3. A. J. Stillwell, " | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| 4. C. P. Robinson, labor | 23.63 | 23.63 |
| 5. Louis Lamott, " | 2.84 | 2.84 |
| 6. C. Sekon, rebat poll tx | 1.00 | 2.00 |

(Signed) R. D. CONNINE,
C. O. MCCULLOUGH,
J. PETERSON,
Finance Committee.

Communication from President Hum, read to wit: Gentlemen of the Common Council: I hereby appoint John Harrington as health officer for the balance of the term, and lay the same before you, for your consideration.

Signed, JOHN F. HUM, President.
Moved and supported, that the appointment of President Hum be confirmed. Motion carried.

Moved and supported, that we proceed to ballot for trustee to succeed Wm. F. Brink, resigned. Motion carried.

Ballot proceeded with, and L. Fournier receiving a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected to fill vacancy.

Moved and supported, that the Street Committee be authorized to purchase 250 yards of gravel, to be put on Michigan Avenue. Motion carried.

Moved and supported, that the Street Committee be authorized to construct four manholes to connect with the sewer on Michigan Avenue. Motion carried.

Moved and supported, that we adjourn. Motion prevailed.

H. P. OLSON,
Village Clerk.

Judge Items.

Mr. Troax, was at Lovel last week, he has a force of men working on his ranche, near M. Dyer's.

Mr. Joe Douglas will build a fine residence near the store.

Peter Brown of Grayling has put a well down for Mr. Douglas.

John Rankin of the AuSable ranche has returned home from the south.

J. V. and Charles W. Miller have completed 120 rods of public highway on section 13. We need more public highways, if promises would build them, we would have good roads.

Mr. Bushaw of Reese, was here last week looking after land to start another stock ranche, and raise some clover seed, he knows where to locate, to make money.

DAN.

Detroit Live Stock Market.

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| Prime steers and heifers | \$4.50-5.00 |
| Handy butchers cattle | \$4.00-4.40 |
| Common | \$2.75-3.75 |
| Canners' cows | \$1.25-2.25 |
| Stockers and feeders | \$2.50-4.00 |
| Milk cows | \$2.50-4.00 |
| Calves | \$4.00-7.50 |
| Prime lambs | \$6.75-7.00 |
| Mixed lambs | \$4.50-5.50 |
| Culls | \$2.50-3.50 |
| Prime medium hogs | \$6.40-6.50 |
| Yorkers | \$6.40-6.50 |
| Pigs | \$4.25-6.40 |
| Hogheads | 4.00-5.00 |

Cement is the THING

For building purposes, it is conceded that Cement has come to stay. It is cheaper than wood, better than ordinary brick, and will last for ever.

I am now Prepared to furnish in any quantity, and at right prices, any form and finish of guaranteed cement,

Building Blocks,
Cement Brick,
Cement Well Curbing,
Cement Lawn Curbing,
or curbing for Cemetery Lots

Call or address

Charles Howland,
Grayling, Mich.

LOOK HERE! Andrew Peterson's JEWELRY STORE

is the place to bring watch repairing etc. You listen:

40 Years at the Bench

is my experience, and all my work is guaranteed to give entire satisfaction.

I Found a Thing to do, and I did it, and have been doing it ever since, that was, and is making a square deal with square people, and I am still at the same business.

Do You Know

that I have the most complete stock of Jewelry, Cut Glass and Silverware in the city, and fine Chinaware to order.

We Invite

the most thorough investigation and critical inspection and test of superiority on our

Hamilton,

Ball's Official R. R.
Waltham and
Elgin

Movements,

in a Fahy's, Boss, Crown or Crescent case. Twenty or Twenty-five year guarantee.

Bring in your repair work, as repairing is a specialty of mine.

Andrew Peterson.

The City Livery Sale & Feed Stable

Geo. Langevin, Prop.

First Class Rigs. Reasonable prices. Special Attention to the Sporting trade.

Whooping Cough

That dread disease positively cured. CROUP and COLDS quickly relieved. Parents, why suffer anxiety, when a remedy is at hand? Ask for Dr. Cowle's SPECIFIC. Sold only by Lucien Fournier, Drug-gist. 50 cts. aug31-3m

Probate Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN.
The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the Village of Grayling in said County, on the 2nd day of October A. D. 1906.

Present: Hon. Wellington Batterson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Henry J. Young deceased.
Harriet Young having filed in said court her petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to John J. Higgins of the Village of Frederic or some other suitable person.

It is ordered, that the 20th day of October A. D. 1906, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the CRAWFORD AVALANCHE a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

WELLINGTON BATTEPERSON,
Oct4-3w Judge of Probate.

1878. 1906.

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With you for over a quarter of a Century.

FIRST CLASS GOODS!

RIGHT PRICES!

Always Our Motto.

We are headquarters for

Groceries & Provisions,

DRY GOODS, FURNISHING GOODS,

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Do You Know Why

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We sell the best goods for the least money.

The character of a store is what determines its position among competitors. There's an ambition to excel in quality that has given this store a distinguished, recognized character as the one place where Ladies' can find the most effective styles in Ladies' Dress Goods for Fall Suits and Gowns, a multitude of designs at popular prices. New Fall Styles in Men's, Youths' and children suits.

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We have a complete line of Men's and Ladies' fall shoes. Men's Dress Shoes, all styles, all leather \$1.75 to \$4.00.

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We are headquarters for light and heavy rubbers.

Our Rubbers are now on sale at the lowest possible prices.

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The best Home and Fashion Magazine published for 50c a year.

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It contains over 100 pages each month of Current Fashions, Economy Articles, Household Advice, Dressmaking and Millinery, Short Stories, etc., beautifully illustrated, with half-tone and color plates.

By special arrangement with the publishers we make the following offer:

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Promptly and neatly done,

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Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, OCT. 4

Local and Neighborhood News.

Take Notice.

The date following your address on this paper shows to what time your subscription is paid. Our terms are one dollar per year IN ADVANCE. If your time is up, please renew promptly. A X following your name means we want one more year.

All advertisements, communications, correspondence, etc., must reach us by Tuesday noon, and cannot be considered later.

Hand painted China, at Hathaway's.

Jap, Jap, Japanese Bloom at SORENSON'S.

Scientific watch repairing, at Hathaway's.

Jap, Jap, Japanese Bloom at SORENSON'S.

It will pay you to read Hathaway's ads. Just try it and see.

Your opportunity. See Sorenson's ad.

Get your Japanese Bloom from SORENSON'S.

The best and cheapest line of school supplies at Fournier's Drug Store.

Mrs. H. Trumley is visiting at Bay City.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harrington, Sunday, Sept. 30, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hoelsi, Sept. 25, a son.

Over forty tickets were sold here Tuesday for the excursion train south.

Get your Japanese Bloom from SORENSON'S.

Rings of all descriptions sizes and shapes at Andrew Peterson's jewelry store.

N. Schiartz held ticket No. 9 which was the lucky number on the center piece raffled by Mrs. E. H. Sorenson.

Fine Sterling Souvenir spoons can be had at A. Peterson's Jewelry Store.

The dealers have some new souvenir postal cards, bearing neat views of Portage Lake.

A good 4x5 Eastman Kodak for sale cheap. Enquire here or of Charles W. Miller, Judges P. O., Mich.

Rev. Pillmeier will attend the meeting of the Synod of the Presbyterian church at Detroit next week.

Fournier's Drug Store is head quarters for School Supplies of every description, and prices are right.

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church will serve a supper Friday, Oct. 12 in the G. A. R. hall. Everybody come.

J. A. Morrison, manager of the Central Drug Store has gone south for their special Christmas goods.

Ladies the place to buy your hats at low prices is at Mrs. Hill's, opposite the Methodist church Grayling, Mich.

Get your jewelry work and watch repairing done at A. Peterson's jewelry store.

The Bride's choice now a days is a handsome piece of cut glass, get it at Andrew Peterson's Jewelry Store.

By all means, get the best for the money. You'll find it at Andrew Peterson's Jewelry Store.

For sewing machines, the best in the market, and at the lowest price, call at the AVALANCHE office.

FOR SALE—A road cart and single harness will be sold for fair price. Enquire of Lock Box 305, Grayling, Mich.

FOR SALE—Three heating stoves for coal or wood. Will be sold cheap. Enquire at NEW RUSSEL HOTEL.

Dr. Underhill, on the AuSable Range, has over 10,000 bushel of potatoes for sale. They are good property and worth money.

Stop just a moment! I want to call your attention to my latest assortment of Souvenir spoons. Call in and see them.

ANDREW PETERSON.

J. L. Watts brought to our office a radish grown in his garden in the village, a radish 7 inches long and measuring 12 inches in circumference. Worthless said.

Their will be a Grange box social, Thursday Oct. 11th, at John Failing's farm. Come one. Come all, with well filled boxes for a good time and a dance.

COMMITTEE.

J. W. Sorenson has received a second prize, for his display of the "Dog Number" of the Ladies' Home Journal. The window was arranged in a really artistic manner, and called so many as customers that their supply of the magazine was exhausted.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Sheriff on the democratic ticket, subject to the approval of the Democratic County Convention to be held at the Court House, in Grayling, Saturday, Oct. 6, 1906.

FAYETTE P. RICHARDSON.

E. E. Coder and J. W. Nicholson of Markleton, Pa., have been in the county for the past two weeks, prospecting for land. They are greatly pleased with the prospect, and will probably invest.

Michigan is the most important bean state in the union. Our crop this year is estimated at 5,000,000 bushels and leads them all. About \$1,000,000 more per year is paid out to the farmers for beans than sugar beets.

The Hannes Mystery.

Intense excitement has prevailed for the past week, over the disappearance of John L. Hannes, Master of the Grange, President of the Crawford County Farmer's Telephone Company and principal owner and manager of the Woodmere Poultry Farm, at Portage Lake.

He was transacting business here during the afternoon of Tuesday, the 25th, and decided to go to Roscommon that evening, on business connected with the Telephone Co., and called up his wife by phone, notifying her of the fact, and that he would be home by noon Wednesday, and wished her and the children to be ready to accompany him to Saginaw on the afternoon train, where it is known he had business.

He left the village by the Roscommon road between 7 and eight o'clock in the evening, since which time all trace of him is lost. His horse was found in the morning, unhitched from the buggy and unharnessed, and tied to a post in Roscommon, but no one could tell when or by whom it was left.

The conductor of the train south says that there was no passenger from that village on his train, and enquiry along the line gives no clue.

It is known that he had a considerable sum of money with him, and his friends who know him best believe that he was waylaid, or demented by overwork.

He came to this county five years ago and entered a homestead on the west shore of Portage Lake, where by undaunted perseverance he was making a beautiful home. Two children had been born to him, and his domestic relations seemed to be all that could be desired.

He had been a printer, and had held important positions on the staff of the York World and the best papers in the West, and for some time controlled the St. Louis (Mo.) Post-Dispatch, and in the interest of these papers had traveled extensively in the old world and over this continent. He is a writer of no mean ability and a man of unusual intelligence.

He had in some way lost a competence which he had accumulated before coming here, and his necessities compelled his looking for work while building his new home, and for four years much of his time was spent in this office, where he became acquainted with nearly everyone in the county and had won the respect and esteem of all, who now unite in deepest sympathy for his lovely wife and children.

A fire in March destroyed a number of his buildings and deranged his business for this year, and some debts had been contracted, but no one believes sufficient to cause his absconding on that account, though some pessimists are sure all is wrong.

If there has been no foul play, we confidently expect his recovery from the nerve prostration, which we believe the only other reason of his absence, and that he will return.

Miss Frieda Niles is enjoying her vacation at Coopersville and Grand Rapids.

FOR SALE—Seasoned beach and maple wood, three feet long, at \$3.00 per cord, delivered.

JOHN JOHNSON.

A pleasant letter from Dan. Squires, now at Centralia, Wash., indicates that he is all right, but not yet permanently located. We expect he will return to the "Best Town" yet.

The Ladies' Union of the Presbyterian Church will meet with Mrs. Roblin, Friday, Oct. 5th. A prompt attendance of all members is requested.

Ladies, whose husbands subscribe for the AVALANCHE can get the NEW IDEAL MAGAZINE for 40 cents a year. It is the leader, for the work in the home, in fashion and style, and full instruction.

Why is it, a careless seven year old kid can drop a half burned match in an alley and burn up all the barns in a block, while an able bodied man has to use up a whole box of matches to get a wood fire started in a heater that has draft enough to draw all the furniture up the stove pipe?

I can mate up a pen of White Plymouth Rocks, 5 birds for \$4.00, good ones. A nice lot of pure mammoth Pekin ducks for sale. I also have a litter of pedigree Scotch Collie pups will be ready to wear soon, some with full white collars. Ask or write to DAVE MARTIN, Pere Cheney, Mich. P. S. No business done on Sunday.

An alarm of fire, Sunday evening, startled the village and disgusted the department when it was found to be a false alarm. It was turned in from the box on the corner of Ogenaw and Maple Streets, by some fellow who ought to be caught.

The indications seem good at present for a lively potato season and good prices. Drouth and blight have largely reduced the output in many localities and the general feeling seems to be that there will be a brisk demand for spuds when cooler weather comes and the season fairly opens. In this connection the Chicago Packer says: "The shipping trade is already showing signs of improvement and the fellows who have a spud voice and a commercial disposition are sharpening their pencils and laying in a good supply of telegraph blanks preparatory to the rushing business they expect to do."—Kalkaska Leader.

YES

we must continue to try and please the ladies, and therefore have arranged to club the Avalanche and New Idea Magazine for \$1.40 per year, to paid up subscribers. Call or send for a sample copy, at this office.

Institute News.

One of the most successful institutes in the history of Crawford county was held in Grayling last week. Conductor H. R. Pattingill, assisted by J. E. Bradley was the ammunition. Our own "Pat" was at his best, and his talks were all of great practical importance to our teachers. His lecture at the opera house was a masterpiece of english and logic. The opera house was crowded with teachers, and patrons of our school. The only thing to be regretted, is the fact that just the ones who would have been benefited, were not present. His subject, "The Yankee's Creed", was handled in a masterly manner. He clearly showed the things requisite to make the rounded out man or woman. Thursday evening a rally was held at the M. E. Church, and several subjects of interest were discussed by our citizens. "The True Ideal" by Rev. Frazier, "The Factors of a good School" by Mrs. Julia Inglis, "The Patron" by George Mahon, "The Teacher" by J. E. Bradley, and "The School Board and the Pupil" by H. R. Pattingill each in his turn did justice to his subject. On the whole, the teachers unite in saying that the institute was indeed an inspiration, and each one went to his work Monday morning with renewed determination to "make good", and more keenly realizing the enormous responsibility resting upon his shoulders.

In addition, a county teachers association was formed and the Michigan Teachers Reading Circle work will be taken up, and a program was prepared to be given some time in November.

Danger from the Plague.

There's grave danger from the plague of Coughs and Colds that are so prevalent, unless you take Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Mrs. Geo. Wallis, of Forest City, Me., writes: "It's a Godsend to people living in climates where coughs and colds prevail, and it quickly ends them. It prevents Pneumonia, cures LaGrippe, gives wonderful relief in Asthma and Hay Fever, and makes weak lungs strong enough to ward off Consumption, Coughs and Colds. 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed by L. Fournier's drug store. Trial bottle free.

Democratic Caucus.

The democratic electors of the township of Grayling will meet in caucus at the town hall, Friday Oct. 5th, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention and for transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. By order of COMMITTEE.

A Young Mother at 70.

"My mother has suddenly been made young at 70. Twenty years of intense suffering from dyspepsia had entirely disabled her, until six months ago, when she began taking Electric Bitters, which have completely cured her and restored the strength and activity she had in the prime of life." writes Mrs. Mrs. W. L. Gilpatrick of Danforth, Me. "Greatest restorative medicine on the globe. Acts sympathetically on the blood, and cures Malaria, Biliousness and Weakness. Wonderful Nerve Tonic. Price 50c. Guaranteed by L. Fournier's drug store.

Presbyterian Church.

Sabbath, Oct. 7th. 10.30 a. m. Preaching. Subject: "Gods Individual Work for Mankind." 11.30 a. m. Sabbath School. 6 p. m. C. E. Meeting.

7 p. m. An address on the thrilling story of S. H. Hadley's life—the prince of Rescue Mission Workers.

7 p. m. Wednesday evening, midweek prayer meeting.

You are very cordially invited to be present at all these services.

A Badly Burned Girl

or boy, man or woman, is quickly out of pain if Bucklen's Arnica Salve is applied promptly. G. J. Welch, of Tekonsha, Mich., says: "I use it in my family for cuts, sores and all skin injuries, and find it perfect." Quickest Pile cure known. Best healing salve made. 25c at L. Fournier's drug store.

SALESMEN wanted for our new map of Michigan. Just from the press and contains many new and attractive features. Complete index with location and population from 1905 census. Electric railroads are shown in colors. Special inducements offered experienced salesmen.

RAND, McNALLY & CO., Chicago, Ill.

Blood Poisoning

results from chronic constipation, which is quickly cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills. They remove all poisonous germs from the system and infuse new life and vigor; cure sour stomach, nausea, headache, dizziness and colic, without griping or discomfort. 25c. Guaranteed by L. Fournier, druggist.

Some boys do not earn \$20 a year, yet he can afford to smoke cigarettes and use tobacco in other forms. Little boys should think it over seriously before commencing tobacco. Boys who do not use the weed or loaf continuously on the streets are much better models to follow. No boy should wish to pattern after a profane, foul mouthed, worthless street loafer.



Orange Marmalade is only one of the many kinds of

Beech-Nut Conine & Co. Conserves

that we sell. This list includes all of the best fruits and Peanut Butter. Each is made from selected fruit and granulated sugar—nothing else—no preservative needed when packed in the famous Beech-Nut vacuum glass jars. The Beech-Nut method of making, retains the delicious flavor of the fruit, and makes them superior in many ways to the imported article. We recommend them to you.

We continue to

Sell OUR PERFUMES

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25 cents worth for 10 cents.

Your choice of these odors: Prairie Violets, Carnation Pink, Jockey Club, Wild Plum, Lilac, White Heliotrope, Ideal Bouquet, etc. Let us include a bottle in your next purchase.

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Here I Am Again!

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New Stock of

Lady Washington Shoes,

Ladies' Cushion Sole Shoes.

Men's Cushion Sole Shoes,

Light Fall Rubbers,

Boys' School Shoes,

Girls' School Shoes.

All kinds of Shoes, at Low Prices.

Call and Examine them.

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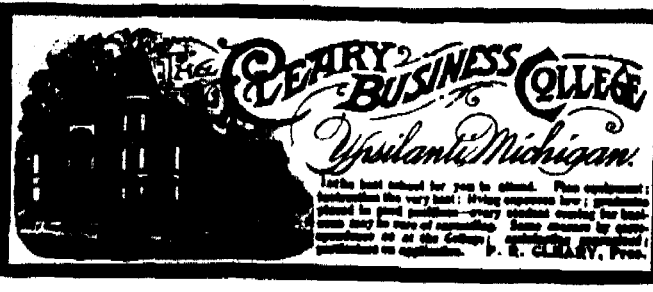
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Lace and Tapestry Curtains.

FALL GOODS.

Fresh from the Fashion Center. Our store is now packed with new things for fall and winter buyers. We are showing the largest and best selected line of Dress Goods, Trimmings, Cloth'ng, etc., ever shown in Grayling.



MEN'S FALL SUITS.

A large assortment of the Season's latest styles and patterns that you can save money.

BOY'S SUITS.

An exclusive line of "Kant-weir-out" Suits at prices that means a big saving.

BLANKETS.

Bed Blankets and Comfortables—the largest line ever shown. Blankets 45c to \$5.00.

FLANNELS

Outing flannel, Donnet, and fleeced goods—\$3 to 15c. per yard.

Sole Agent for

"Queen Quality"

Shoes for Women \$3.00.

Cotton made \$3.50

A Special Line of **Lumbermen's Clothing.**

LADIES' AND CHILDRENS'

COATS.

Come and look them over.

We are showing the very latest styles and patterns.

Underwear.

A full line of Men's, Women's, and Children's underwear in Union or two piece garments.



A Special Invitation

extended to all to call and examine Goods.

W. L. Douglas Shoes.

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Grayling Mercantile Co.,

School Books!

We are Headquarters

For School Books, Tablets, Slates, Pens, Pencils, School Bags, Inks, etc., etc., including every thing in the line of School Supplies. We carry the finest line of tablets ever brought to Grayling.

Fournier's Drug Store.

The Old Reliable.

Watches, Clocks, Jewelry

AT

HATHAWAY'S

Your watch and Jewelry promptly repaired.

Eyes Scientifically Fitted.

All work Guaranteed.

C. J. HATHAWAY,

Graduate Optician, Watchmaker and Jeweler.

In Roscommon every other Wednesday until 1:45 p. m.

The Avalanche

O. PALMER, Publisher.

GRATINGS, MICHIGAN.

OHIO BANK IS CLOSED.

PRIVATE INSTITUTION AT MID-
DLEPORT WRECKED.

**Aged Merchant, Angered by Heavy
Loss, Attempts to Slay Vice Presi-
dent—Plot to Kill Russian Ruler
Is Frustrated.**

The Middleport bank, a private institution at Middleport, Ohio, failed to open its doors Friday. It is stated that all the deposits, amounting to \$115,000, are missing. Most of the depositors are poor, and their deposits represented nearly all their savings. The president of the bank is E. C. Fox, who is away, and in his absence no official statement of the condition of the bank has yet been made. William Horden, an old merchant, became so angered over the loss of a heavy deposit that he secured a revolver and sought Vice President Thomas R. Armstrong at his home in the Fox addition, with the avowed purpose of shooting the banker. He was intercepted just in time. Just before dark Armstrong was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Prosecuting Attorney Miller and taken to Pomeroy, where he gave bond for his appearance. President Fox has been located at Toledo, Ohio, where his wife's people reside, and his arrest ordered. President Fox went away the previous Tuesday, leaving Vice President Armstrong in full charge. An examination of the vaults after Fox had gone revealed \$50,000 in cash and paper worth less than \$50,000 on its face to account for the \$115,000 deposited.

ON THE DIAMOND FIELD.

Progress of Clubs in Race for Base
Ball Pennants.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

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| Chicago | 113 | St. Louis | 101 |
| New York | 97 | Boston | 87 |
| Pittsburgh | 91 | St. Paul | 82 |
| Philadelphia | 70 | San Francisco | 47 |

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

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| Chicago | 80 | St. Louis | 74 |
| New York | 87 | San Francisco | 69 |
| Cleveland | 85 | Washington | 51 |
| Philadelphia | 76 | Boston | 47 |

WESTERN LEAGUE.

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| Des Moines | 67 | St. Paul | 68 |
| Lincoln | 77 | St. Louis | 67 |
| Omaha | 72 | St. Paul | 67 |

FOIL PLOT TO SLAY CZAR.

Two Terrorists Captured Inside Palace
Inclosure.

A well-planned plot against the life of the Russian emperor and his wife, all the chances of success on its side was uncovered by the arrest of two armed terrorists, a man and a woman, in the quarters of one of the palace servants within the inclosure of the Alexander palace, Petersburg, last night. The plot was discovered by a servant's son and another named Klenkoff, who were concerned in smuggling the weapons through the guards and arranging their hiding place were arrested for being implicated in the plot.

Crazy Murderess Kills Nurse.

Lizzie Halliday, a murderess confined in the Maternity, N. Y., hospital for insane criminals, made a murderous assault on a female attendant, Miss Nellie Wicks, aged 21. She followed Miss Wicks into the lavatory adjoining the ward, knocked her down and stabbed her in the throat with a pair of scissors. Miss Wicks died two hours later.

Wreck Cremates Three Trainmen.

Three trainmen were killed and their bodies incinerated in the wreck of two Pacific system freight trains which collided at Chama, N. M., this morning. The wreck caught fire and several cars were destroyed.

Steamer and Schooner Go Down.

The steamer City of Concord and the schooner Nyanza were lost in the storm near Hurler, Ohio, three of the steamer's crew being drowned.

Deaths Cause Pension Decrease.

Commissioner Warner, in his annual report, shows a net decrease in the pension rolls during the last fiscal year of 12,470 due chiefly to deaths.

Lost in Chicago River.

Car ferry No. 2 of the Wisconsin and Michigan Railroad turned turtle at the mouth of the Chicago River and three of crew of six men were drowned.

Death of Capitalist Ah Fong.

Wing Ah Fong, the Chinese capitalist of Honolulu, father of thirteen children, who have been married to men of prominence, is dead.

Explosion Fatal to Five.

An explosion of natural gas in Cherryvale, Kan., demolished the Edgar zinc smelter, killing two workmen and injuring five others, three of whom will die.

Switchmen May Strike.

A gigantic strike of 25,000 switchmen is threatened unless their demand for an increase in wages is granted.

Bank Wreckers in Brady, Neb.

The Bank of Brady, Neb., was wrecked by robbers. Four charges of dynamite were used and the ruin is complete.

Confesses Manly Robberies.

Charles Mackey, alias E. H. Remington, the "gentleman burglar" arrested for housebreaking, confessed to the robbery of three East End apartment houses in Cleveland. He is held under heavy bail.

Trouble in Platt Family.

The wife of Senator Thomas C. Platt of New York is said to be preparing to fight a divorce action. A coachman in the Senator's employ is said to figure in the case, and rumor says a well-known actress, once prominent as a living picture, will be dragged into the proceedings.

Kansas City Gets Cheap Gas.

A natural gas franchise, which gives the Kansas City (Mo.) Gas Company the right to serve the city with natural gas for thirty years at an average rate of 28 cents per 1,000 feet, has been passed by the City Council and signed by Mayor Bardsley.

Hunted from Auto to Death.

J. O. Loomis, president of the Loomis table works of Union City and one of the wealthiest men in that part of Pennsylvania, was instantly killed by being thrown from his automobile when the machine collided with a trolley car going at a high rate of speed.

FOREIGN TRADE GAINS.

Imports and Exports for the Past
Year Exceeded \$3,000,000,000.

The foreign commerce of the United States has crossed the \$3,000,000,000 line. In the twelve months ending with August 31, 1905, imports were \$1,554,300,785, and the exports \$1,445,699,215, a total for the twelve months of \$3,000,000,000. These figures are supplied by the bureau of statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor, which in a bulletin says in part: "The August figures of both imports and exports exceeded those of any preceding August in the history of our commerce. Most and duty products exported amount to \$1,478,000,000, against \$1,412,212,278 in August, 1904. The growth in the exportation of meat is shown in nearly all articles except canned beef, which shows a marked decline compared with the corresponding months of earlier years." Other figures exceed those of the corresponding month of last year, fresh beef being \$24,000,000 pounds, against 18,500,000 pounds, killed beef a little less than 2,000,000 pounds, against 2,000,000 pounds; bacon 32,000,000 pounds, against 22,000,000 pounds; hams and fresh pork practically the same, and lard 50,500,000 pounds, against 53,000,000 pounds. Breadstuffs aggregated \$13,000,000, against \$7,000,000 in the same month of 1905, and \$5,000,000 in the corresponding month of 1904.

LABOR TROUBLES HIT CANAL.

Every Class of Skilled Workmen
Demands Increase in Pay.

Following the example of the locomotive engineers, practically every class of skilled workmen employed by the isthmian canal commission made a demand for higher pay the other day. The steam shovel engineers, now the best paid craftsmen on the isthmus, have asked for \$250 a month, an increase of \$40. Other demands made are: Railroad conductors, from \$170 to \$210; shovel firemen, from \$185 to \$202; shovel firemen, from \$80 to \$110; molders, blacksmiths and machinists, from 65 to 85 cents an hour. Locomotive engineers asked for \$225 a month, and are getting \$180. They work eight hours. If called upon to work more hours, the engineers, trainmen and shovelmen are required to do so without extra compensation. Molders, blacksmiths and machinists are paid time and a half for overtime. All shop employees are permitted to work as much overtime as they desire, as the commission is badly in need of these classes of mechanics. Machinists at some shops frequently draw from \$200 to \$250 a month under the present rate of pay. No word has been received from the commission as to the disposition to be made of the demands.

FARMER HAS BALANCE.

His Exports Show a Trade Advantage
of \$285,000,000.

Although the imports of farm products were larger in 1905 than any year since 1890, says a report of the Department of Agriculture in Washington on exports of farm and forest products, the value of the exports exceeded that of the imports by more than one-half and there was a balance of trade of \$285,000,000 in favor of the farm products. The report adds: "During the last sixteen years the balance of trade for all products was \$5,002,000,000, while the balance of trade for farm products was \$5,002,000,000. In 1905 the balance of trade in favor of farm products was the lowest since 1895, due to a falling off in the grain trade and to the increase in the quantities and in the average import price of certain articles imported in large amounts, as sugar, wool, hides and skins and coffee."

STEAMER GOES TO KANSAS CITY.

People Ticked Over Resumption of
Traffic on the Missouri.

With the blowing of whistles, the clanging of bells and the glad acclaim of thousands of persons who had gathered at the river shore, the resumption of steamboat traffic on the Missouri river after a lapse of more than a decade, was celebrated Monday night, the steamer Lora, laden with freight from St. Louis, docked at the wharf in Kansas City. Every local craft of any pretension went several miles down the river to act as an escort for the Lora, and the appearance of the fleet with the freighter in the lead, was the signal for one of the most genuine outbursts of enthusiasm ever occasioned by any event in the commercial life of the city.

WOODEN KEY EMPTIES JAIL.

Three Prisoners Cut Lock Opened
Out of Chair Leg and Flee.

During Sheriff Held's absence three prisoners escaped from the county jail in West Bend, Wis. They made a wooden key out of a leg of a chair, unlocked the doors and walked out. Where they got the tools to make the key is a mystery, but they left the wooden key in the door. Dan Ramsey, James Casey and Thomas Clark, charged with firing into a crowd at a merry-go-round at Richfield, are the men who escaped.

Reports Sixty Typhoid Cases.

Sixty cases of typhoid fever have been reported by Dr. C. M. Whalen, head of the Chicago health department, and he declares the disease is more prevalent than during 1893, when hundreds were taken down with the fever. Impure milk and ice are blamed.

Sultan a Victim of Cancer.

The Pasha Tempa says he learns from an absolutely unquestionable source that the latest consultations of medical advisers of the Sultan of Turkey established the fact that Abdul Hamid was suffering from cancer of the kidney. This malady usually is fatal within a year.

New York Democrats Choose Hearst.

William H. Hearst was nominated for Governor on the first ballot by the New York Democratic State convention after a bitter fight. Jerome will take the stump for Hughes and other party leaders may bolt.

Prison Opens for Stensland.

Paul O. Stensland, president of the wrecked Milwaukee Avenue bank, pleaded guilty before Judge Kersten in Chicago and was given an indeterminate sentence of from one to ten years in Joliet penitentiary.

Cuban Republic Is No More.

The Republic has come to the Cuban republic through the refusal of President Palma to withdraw his resignation after the action of the moderates in declining to attend the session of Congress, leaving the island without a government.

Escape of Rella Matfield.

Bertha Rella Matfield, matron and waitress, and adjudged insane at her trial for murdering the Anchor Line steamer, fled from a Pittsburgh insane asylum, and a woman Chicago advertiser is believed to have accomplished her release.

Hughes for New York Governor.

Charles E. Hughes was nominated for Governor of New York by the Republican convention at Saratoga. The Illinois machine was defeated by indirect means of the House of Representatives.

HORSES HARD TO GET.

SCARCITY OF STEEDS AND
MULES FOR THE ARMY.

Quartermaster General Must Pay
from \$140 to \$180 Per Head—
Man Charged with Throwing Wife
from Window.

Difficulty is experienced by the quartermaster general's department of the army to obtain horses and mules. Even at high prices good cavalry horses are scarce and almost impossible to procure. The scarcity is not local, but extends throughout the country, even in the stock-raising regions of the West and Northwest. A few weeks ago a contractor in the State of Washington was awarded a contract to supply the army with about 500 cavalry horses at his bid of \$92 a head. He has been unable thus far to fill the contract, and it is regarded as likely that he may be ruined financially in his efforts to meet his obligation to the government. A short time before Gen. Funston was ordered to Cuba he requested authority to purchase, in an emergency, fifty cavalry horses at \$150 a head. The request was not granted by the department because of the contract which the government had made for such horses at \$92 a head. Because of the scarcity of horses, animals suitable for the cavalry now are worth about \$140 a head. Mules are even scarcer than horses. They are worth about \$180 a head, and are difficult to get at that price because of the great foreign demand.

HIGHEST SALUTE FIRED.

Eleven Guns in Honor of General
Pike from Summit of Peak.

What undoubtedly was the highest official military salute ever fired was the heaviest general salute of cannon, fired from the summit of Pike's Peak, nearly three miles above sea level, Wednesday morning. It was given by guns from the Twelfth artillery in honor of Brig. Gen. Zebulon Montgomery Pike, who in 1805, at the head of the Southwest expedition sent out by the War Department, made the first record of the existence and location of the mountain that now bears his name. Incident to the formal dedication and christening of Pike's Peak, of which the salute was a feature, there were addresses by President W. F. Slocum of Colorado College, Gen. Irving Hale of Philadelphia and Mayor E. E. Nichols of Manitou. A handsome bronze tablet was unveiled by Nicholas Caldwell, a little nephew of Mayor Nichols. Vice President Fairbanks spent the day at Denver.

HUSBAND FROM WINDOW.

Quarrel Over Kitten Probably Was
Cause of Fatal Progress.

Overton Wilson, a St. Louis stevedore, is charged, through his wife from a second-story window and probably fatally injured her. She is at the hospital suffering from a severe contusion of the brain, a sprained back, a broken leg, and many painful cuts and bruises. She probably will die. Wilson denies that he threw the woman from the window, but admits that he quarreled with her over a pet kitten and that she had a seizure during which she lost her balance and fell from the window. Mrs. Wilson is a pretty woman, 28 years of age, and has not been married long. Her husband is several years her senior.

GIRL NURSE ADMITS MURDER.

Confesses Poisoning Baby While
Employed in Local Nursery.

While the funeral services over the body of William W. Winship, 2 years old, were being conducted in a room below, Jennie Birch, 14 years old, who had nursed the dead child from infancy, signed a written confession to Crumner Mitchell in which she said she had administered poison which killed the boy. She declared also that she had started the fire which destroyed the large barn on the farm of Herbert Winship, father of the dead child, and a wealthy cattle buyer of Cowles Corner, N. Y., because she wanted to see a fire.

Operates Trust, Fined \$50.

J. S. Howard, secretary of the Ashland County Underwriters' Association, who was recently indicted with thirty other fire insurance agents, charged with operating a trust, entered a plea of guilty in Ashland, Ohio, and the statutory fine of \$50 was imposed. The other indictments were quashed.

Think It a "Black Hand" Murder.

The body of Frank Hines, an Italian, aged 34 years, was found lying in the street in front of 4003 Laurel avenue, Bloomfield district, in Pittsburgh. There was a seven-inch knife wound in the abdomen and the police are under the impression that it is a "black hand" murder.

"Phone Habit" Breaks Up Home.

William Betz has the "telephone habit," declares his wife, Vina, who filed suit for divorce in Cleveland. She says that at all hours of the day and night she is called to the telephone by Betz and asked foolish questions. She asks the court to force Betz to quit bothering her.

Firemen Burn \$300,000 Barn.

The car barns of the Boston and Northern Street Railway Company on Washington avenue, Chelsea, Mass., were destroyed by fire, together with about eighty cars. The total loss is about \$300,000. It is believed the fire was of incendiary origin.

United States Intervenes.

American intervention in Cuba is declared a fact. Marines have been landed in Havana to protect the treasury, and Secretary Taft has issued a proclamation creating himself provisional military governor, after which a further force of American marines disembarked.

Human Bones Found in Trunk.

F. H. Wilson and W. H. Lewis, found a trunk near the Mahoning river in Warren, Ohio, containing a human skeleton and the skull and part of the vertebrae of another. The full skeleton was wired together. The vertebrae of the other was still held together by cartilage.

\$500,000 Fire in Cleveland.

Fire which followed an explosion in the plant of the Pittsburgh Glass Company on West Third street, Cleveland, destroyed the structure and damaged neighboring buildings. The loss is estimated at from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

Firemen on Lake Ship Mutiny.

Firemen on the steamer C. B. Hill, from the Anchor Line, Delaware, mutinied when the vessel was abreast Belle Isle and compelled the Captain, J. H. Coleman, to return to Detroit. The firemen declare the boat is unseaworthy.

Mutilated Body Found.

The mutilated body of Joseph Hagan, a coal miner, was found on the shore of the Monongahela river at Millboro, Pa. It is supposed he was robbed and murdered.

RUIN IN THE SOUTH.

WIND AND FLOOD KILL AND
DEVASTATE.

Have Over Whole Gulf Coast—Hurricane and Immense Waves Inundate Towns, Wreck Buildings and Sink Ships.

Death and devastation mark the shores of the Mexican Gulf, from Mobile to Pensacola. How many are dead it is impossible to estimate. The loss in property is almost beyond computation. Mobile is a wreck. Pensacola is in ruins. Biloxi is partially destroyed. The water rose six feet along the railroad tracks in Mobile. Bodies here and there were seen floating out to sea. The shrieks of the drowning were hushed by the walls of the winds. The waters from Mobile Bay were being swept high up the Mobile river. Tide water was running at Slater's landing, 200 miles from the gulf.

Glouks broke in upon the dead and wounded. Some were shot without mercy. Martial law reigns. The Mobile Rifles and the Mobile Grays patrol the business districts. Thousands of bales of cotton have been swept to the ocean. Lumber vessels are torn into fragments and their cargoes sent to the bottom. In some localities fires have added to the terror and destruction. Women half dressed, children with no clothing, and strong men stood helpless. Ruin is everywhere and death has been swimming in ghastly eddies, through streets that were supposed to be immune from flood.

Entire Coast Swept. The wind reached ninety-six miles an hour. It swept all the coast country. It leveled thousands of homes. Coming with softness at first, it gradually increased in violence until the great heart of the coast was torn from its body. The waters dashed high into places where hundreds ran for safety. The wharves of Pensacola, the greatest harbor in the world, and heretofore supposed to be the searoom, were torn by wind and wave and sent crashing with the timbers of the forests far out into the sea.

It is estimated that property worth \$12,000,000 has been destroyed there. The Louisville and Nashville Railroad, the only line entering Pensacola, is deep under water. Few of the 25,000 inhabitants escaped without some loss. The small houses lining the beach, to the east and west of the city proper, are in ruins. Entire families have been lost. Huge business blocks are torn from their foundations.

What information has been received came by way of Flomont Junction, Flomont is forty miles from Pensacola. Between the two cities is a wild stretch of scrubby oak. The heavy pine trees long since have been saved into lumber. The country is flat. The gulf is thirty-five miles away, but the hurricane has thrown the waters far to the north, making an inland sea that is impossible to navigate.

Two Revenue Cutters Sink. Two revenue cutters have gone to the bottom in Mobile Bay with their crews. Heavy timber vessels have disappeared. Steamships were torn from their moorings and wrecked. Hundreds of sailors have perished. The river boats, those plying the Alabama and Tombigbee streams—that happened to be at their wharves have disappeared. All along the coast, innumerable fishing boats have sunk. The bathing pavilions are no more.

Blenville Square, one of the most picturesque of Mobile's little parks, is destroyed. The buildings surrounding it were dashed into splinters. Five of the handsomest blocks in the business section were leveled. At Government and Royal streets—the heart of the city—the water stood five feet deep. The Federal building, constructed of heavy granite, is badly damaged. The great wholesale houses that stand near the river are damaged immensurably.

Christ Church Cathedral is a mass of ruins. The storm struck the great edifice and swept it away in five minutes. The waves beat high and furiously severe upon the mass of wreckage. In the wind's wake the rains beat heavily upon the unroofed. Trunks, cotton bales, roofs of homes, broken fragments of vessels, floating timbers from hundreds of saw mills and lumber yards, make a scene fearful in its horror. In the pine tree country the huge timber lay over each other in woeful waste.

Port Morgan, a few miles up the river from Mobile, high on the bluffs of the Tombigbee river, is destroyed. Likewise are most of the little towns between Port Morgan and Mobile, on the Mobile and Jackson Railroad, in ruins. Citronelle, the great resort for consumptives, is partially gone. The fruit orchards are leveled. Between Citronelle and Mobile is a vast truck garden owned by Illinois and Michigan people who have recently emigrated there. These are under water. Laid's immense lumber mill is swept into the river. It was the second largest in the world.

Charges Thrown to Oysters.

Dr. H. D. Poase of the New York State board of health, speaking before the sanitary department of the homeopathic congress at Atlantic City, said that expert authorities now agree that the sudden swelling of the list of typhoid cases during September is directly due to the fact that at that time people begin to eat raw oysters, mussels and other shellfish. He says it is true that persons who handle these creatures are especially liable to infection.

Capt. Amundsen's Arctic Work.

Capt. Amundsen, the Norwegian navigator, who for the first time navigated the Northwest passage last year, reached Seattle Sunday from Nome. He said he believed he had located the north magnetic pole of the earth, but he could not say as yet whether it was a shifting point or covered a large area. His observations go to show that the aurora borealis has a marked effect upon the compass.

Justice Newburger of New York.

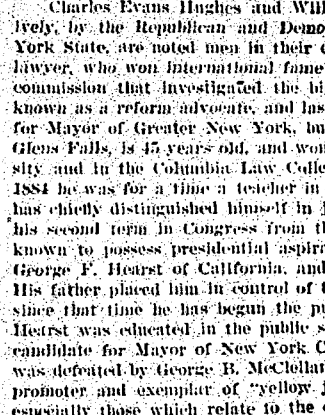
Justice Newburger of New York denied the application to restrain Harrison Grey Blake from producing the "Kroner Book" at the Lyric theater, New York.

NOMINEES FOR GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK.

Charles Evans Hughes and William Randolph Hearst, nominated respectively by the Republican and Democratic conventions for Governor of New York State, are noted men in their different lines of work. Mr. Hughes is a lawyer, who won international fame as examining counsel for the Armstrong commission that investigated the big life insurance companies. He is well known as a reform advocate, and last year was nominated by the Republicans for Mayor of Greater New York, but declined the honor. He is a native of Glen Falls, is 45 years old, and won honors in school both at Brown University and in the Columbia Law College. Before his admission to the bar in 1884 he was for a time a teacher in an academy at Delhi, N. Y. Mr. Hearst has chiefly distinguished himself in journalism and in politics. He is serving his second term in Congress from the Thirtieth New York District, and is known to possess presidential aspirations. He is a son of the late Senator George F. Hearst of California, and he was born in San Francisco in 1863. His father placed him in control of the San Francisco Examiner in 1885, and since that time he has begun the publication of papers in other cities. Mr. Hearst was educated in the public schools and at Harvard. In 1905 he was candidate for Mayor of New York City on a municipal ownership ticket, but was defeated by George B. McClellan. He takes pride in being known as the promoter and exemplar of "yellow journalism," and favors radical reforms, especially those which relate to the ownership and control of public utilities.



CHARLES E. HUGHES.



WILLIAM R. HEARST.

DATA OF DEATH DEALING.

GULF COAST GALE.

Damage to property, \$12,000,000
Lives lost, estimated, 200

MOBILE.—Whole city inundated; seven miles of beach and many people injured. Mobile is in need of provisions; property loss, \$2,500,000.

PENSACOLA.—Loss of life among fishermen and seamen heavy. Damage to property estimated at \$500,000. The navy yard is cut off and several warships which were there may have been destroyed.

NEW ORLEANS.—Damage done to the trailer buildings, in gardens, tropical plants and shade trees; wires down and traffic at a standstill.

PORT MORGAN.—Isolated and may have suffered heavily. Two companies of coast artillery are stationed there.

ELSEWHERE.—Great damage was done to buildings and crops all along the gulf coast, the loss being estimated at hundreds of thousands of dollars.

CLAM CRAZY.

Minnesota Men Grabbing for Pearls
in Local Waters.

Many of the prominent citizens of Red Wing, Minn., have turned clam fishers. It is claimed that during the last year seven different clam fishers found pearls ranging in value from \$100 to \$100,000 and hundreds of the diggers and sorters have discovered jewels worth respectable sums. Clam digging is as hard an occupation as is possible to conceive and can only be undertaken by the stoutest of men.

Several months ago a pearler found a pearl worth approximately \$100,000 and several other discoveries followed in the same way. The natural result was that hundreds of the people from the surrounding country rushed to the scene of the find and many well-known people dived the beach during the night and gathered in the shells which possibly might bring a fortune to them. A few had good success, but the majority found that their quest was useless and soon gave up the task.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

There is a revival of interest in Kansas in consolidation of rural schools. Their number has increased from six in 1903 to twenty in 1905. A large number of communities are now considering the question.

The Michigan State department of education issues as Bulletin No. 19, "The law and proceedings for consolidating school districts and results of consolidation in the rural schools of Michigan." Copies sent on request.

The board of education at Mr. Vernon, a city of 40,000 people, declines to accept teachers' excuses for absence that are signed by Christian Science healers or osteopaths. The rule requires a "regularly licensed" physician.

Claude E. Palmer, an employee of a western railroad at Osawatimie, Kan., who has been working his way through the university of that State, has been appointed to a scholarship in the New York School of Applied Sciences through the influence of Miss Helen Gould.

From the first year of the Hyannis Normal school there has been a student loan fund and fully 10 per cent of the graduates have made use of it. It is interesting to note that these same graduates have been among the most successful. Principal Baldwin appeals for funds to put it on a permanent basis.

An Illinois decision is that critic teachers in the practice department of a normal school may not be paid out of local funds. The court held that the work of the critic teacher is to teach pedagogy, and that pedagogy has no lawful or proper place in the curriculum of the common schools.

Cambridge, Mass., provides for privileges of study and travel one year in school for the public school teachers. A teacher draws a part salary and has regular position upon return.

A peculiar feature of the new teachers' pension law for Troy, N. Y., is that to retire on pension the teacher must have contributed to the fund at least one-fifth of his salary at time of retirement.

New Jersey has a new teachers' pension bill. It provides for retirement on one-half the average annual salary after thirty-five years of service, twenty-five of which must be in the district where the retirement takes place.

CHINA TO THE FORE.

Advanced More than Any Other
Eastern Nation in Five Years.

No eastern nation, not even excepting Japan, has made greater advances toward western civilization than has China during the past five years. Recent imperial decrees make some mystery of western learning incumbent on those who hold office. More than 5,000 schools have been established to enable the youths of the land to comply with this decree. This creates a strong demand for American teachers. Eleven thousand Chinese students are now in Tokio striving to obtain from the western government institutions and schools the western learning. At least 2,000 or 3,000 of these students would have come to America to study had it not been for our immigration laws. Another sign of the times is the increase in postoffice and the multiplication of newspapers. Four years ago there were only 100 postoffices; today there are 1,800. In the city of Tien-Tsin four years ago there were three newspapers. Today there are 27. An imperial decree has forbidden parents to bind their children to the girl babies. The New Testament has been ordered into all the schools of at least one large province, thus putting Christianity within reach of at least 58,000,000 persons. A recent royal decree makes the Christian Sabbath a holiday. The only danger now in sight is from the reaction which may follow these tremendous changes in the policy of the government.

TAKE MILLIONS FROM AMERICA.

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HONORING A MODEST EDIBLE.

Banquet at Which Only Fragrant Onions Were Served.

It is unquestionably true that the admirable vegetable known as the onion is under the ban, so to speak. Its pungent odor, regarded by many people as offensive, frequently drives its admirers to partake of it in secret and then to muzzle as far as possible its telltale aroma. The onion has served, too, as the basis for many myths and fables at the hands of the humorous paragraphers. And yet it is an extremely wholesome plant and one of high rank with the ancients, particularly the early Egyptians. For these reasons it is pleasant to note that the taboos of the onion have been removed from the banquet at which was served an onion reception and banquet in an interior New York town called Union, which in this case might plausibly seem a corruption of onion. It was arranged in honor of the sixteenth anniversary of the special guests of the evening, and the onion was the center, and accenter, of attraction. The house was decorated with onion blossoms, an onion centerpiece graced the table, and the bill of fare included onions and onions only—top onions, sliced onions, stewed onions, onion salad, and onion omelets. Needless to say the guests, who departed at a late hour, went away breathing many encomiums of the fragrant bulb of honor. It certainly was a great night for the onion.

NAPOLEON'S CODE FOR WOMEN.

Some Criticism of Ideas Held by the Great Frenchman.

Napoleon said at St. Helena that his glory consisted not in having won forty battles, but in the civil code and in the deliberations of the council of state.

Savigny and Charles Austin condemned the civil code as "a mechanical mixture of the results of the revolution and the old regime of Roman law and the customs," three-fourths of its contents having been extracted by draftsman from a printed treatise.

The code, in a word, was not a substantive mass of law, but "an index to an immense body of jurisprudence existing outside of itself."

One of the dictator's objectionable hobbies was his desire for the degradation of the civil status of woman, who is treated by the code as a "fickle, defenseless, mindless being." When asked in committee if wisely obedience was prescribed by old French law, "the first consul sharply replied: 'Do you not know that the angel told Eve to obey her husband? Morality has written this article in all languages.'"

Deacon Andrews' Joke.

Old Deacon Andrews, who died some years ago in Centre Lovell, Me., was a noted wit in that vicinity. One evening he had occasion to go to a neighboring town to get some provisions and other things. It was late at night when he returned, and a cold, penetrating wind was blowing. He stopped his horse in front of a neighbor's house, and, getting out of his carriage, knocked loudly at the door. After Mr. Andrews had knocked for some while the neighbor came down, partially dressed and shivering from the cold.

"Good evening, Beth," said the deacon. "Have you just a little pearl-handled penknife?"

"No," was the reply. "Have you found one?"

"No, I haven't," drawled Mr. Andrews, "but I didn't know but what I might."

Maid Coaches Mistress.

Owing to the sudden illness of one of her servants the mistress of a country house in a New England village had to impress into service as a waitress the daughter of one of the neighboring farmers. That there was any social inequality between servant and mistress never struck the new waitress, as was made plain the first evening at dinner.

There was a dish of olives in front of the waitress which she allowed to remain as they were until the hastily coached waitress should have had time to serve them. This didn't fit in with the girl's idea of hospitality at all, and as she reached her employer she leaned over chair, pointed at the olives, and remarked in a perfectly audible whisper:

"Here, get on to your job!"

Beer Cakes by the Bushel.

For some time the big sewer leading along Main street in Arkansas City, has been clogged up so that it failed to let the water through. The street commissioner set a force of workmen to digging and took up a number of sections of the big pipe, which is 12 inches in diameter. It was discovered that the obstruction was nothing more nor less than a great lot of beer bottle corks, there being fully a bushel of them wedged in and filling the pipe so completely as to stop the flow of water.—Exchange.

The Life of Bella.

Comparatively few people know that ringing a bell ruins it. That is, a bell has a definite length of life, and after so many blows will break. A 900 pound bell, struck blows of 175 foot pounds of force, broke after 11,000 blows. A 4,000 pound bell broke after 18,000 blows of 550 foot pounds force. A steel composition bell weighing 1,000 pounds broke after 34 blows of 120 foot pounds, but its maker said it was calculated for a longer life.

All-Embracing.

The Allahabad Pioneer quotes an East Indian doctor's death certificate: "I am of mind that he died for want of foodings, or on account of starvation. Maybe also for other things of his comfortables, and most probably he died of drowning." It is a careful, omnibus opinion, and reads like a weather prediction that cannot miss and runs the whole gamut of meteorological possibilities.—N. Y. Tribune.

Sacred Fires of India.

The sacred fires of India have not all been extinguished. The most ancient which still exists was consecrated 12 centuries ago, in commemoration of the voyage made by the Parsees when they emigrated from Persia to India. The fire is fed five times every 24 hours with sandalwood and other fragrant material, combined with very dry fuel.

Health Precautions in Paris.

By a police order now in operation in Paris laundries must disinfect all garments as soon as they are received. Clothes must be conveyed to the laundries in hermetically sealed bags and, on their arrival, be scalded in an antiseptic solution. The work people are to wear special clothes, which also are to be disinfected.

Tolstoy's New Work.

Count Tolstoy has completed a new work, entitled "The Divine Human." The characters depicted include the principal revolutionary leaders in Russia during the years from 1880 to 1890. He is already engaged upon another work dealing with current events in Russia.

As to Talking.

The gift of the gab is a curse. Very few men can talk and think at the same time, except by hard schooling. It takes a long time to become skilled in the art of dictation, so we should, after all, be less hasty in condemning the stenographer for errors and omissions.

Test of Tea.

The amount of ash given by tea leaves when burning is said to be a guide as to the quality of the tea. The difference is small amongst good samples, but the quantity of ash increases amongst the inferior and adulterated samples.

Not Occupation for the Aged.

According to French and Swiss physicians, it is dangerous for elderly and weak persons to visit the higher altitudes of the Alps. They assert that for such persons to do so is to invite cerebral apoplexy, cardiac lesions and pulmonary embolism.

Beer in a Jug?

A Wisconsin chemist says he has discovered a method whereby a man can carry 480 schooners of beer in a small jug. It is appalling to think how many he could carry in a full standard size eastern jug.

Chance for Business.

Heavy Father (to son)—I give each of my daughters a dowry of 20,000 marks. But if you want 40,000 marks for your business your partner can also have one of my daughters.—Fliegende Blätter.

Heard After Centuries' Silence.

Some burps have been discovered in Egyptian tombs the strings of which, in several instances, were intact, and gave forth distinct sounds after an estimated silence of 3,000 years.

Life of the Oyster.

When a fortnight old the oyster is not much larger than the head of a pin. At the end of four years' growth it is fit for the market. Oysters live to the age of from 12 to 15 years.

New Use for Roentgen Rays.

A leading Swiss scientist declared that Roentgen rays can be so applied that white horses become black. He is now experimenting on old gentlemen's beards.

Astrological Symbol.

The first word in a physician's prescription is "a recipe," abbreviated to R, which is a relic of the astrological symbol of Jupiter.

Swift Running Animals.

The Colorado fox runs faster than any other living animal, and the cheetah, or hunting leopard, holds second place.

Slow Production of Tapestry.

The manufacture of some of the finest tapestry is so slow that an artist cannot produce more than a quarter of a square yard in a year.

Have Low Death Rate.

The only European country which has a lower death rate than England is Norway.

Vast Population of Asia.

Asia contains more than one-half of the total population of the earth, and Europe nearly one-fourth.

Latins as Colonizers.

One reason why colonization by Latin races has been so successful is that they intermarry with the natives.

Fortunes in Band Instruments.

Band instruments in use by the Salvation Army are worth \$420,000.

Patriotism Unrewarded.

When the last census was taken in France the mayor of Montiriat, in the Tarn, thought he would save his townspeople trouble, so he filled up the papers himself. Reflecting that France is threatened with depopulation, he added to each family a boy and a girl there, and occasionally a pair of twins. He increased the population of Montiriat on paper by about 100 souls. For this an ungrateful government has taken his office from him.

Foibles of Young Londoners.

The fashion that causes certain young men to travel in four wheelers in preference to the hansom is a variant of that awakening social instinct that causes them sometimes to affect a limp, short, slightness, nerves, or other physical defect—a fashion that arises from a calid desire to give the effect that the young gentleman is leading a terrible life—going to the dogs, dear boy.—Vanity Fair, London.

Pay Premiums Promptly.

Those who carry life insurance policies should be careful to see that the premiums are promptly paid. Neglect in this important matter has caused policies to be forfeited. It is best to pay premiums a few days before they are due. On the final day the policy holder may forget it or be called away, as many things can happen to cause neglect of payment.

Fresh Meat and Grains.

Statisticians estimate that 22 acres of land are necessary to sustain one man on fresh meat. The same space of land if devoted to wheat culture would feed 42 people; if to oats, 88; potatoes, Indian corn and rice, 176; and if to the plantain, or banana, over 6,000 people.

Still Unexplained.

The humming of telegraph wires is a phenomenon which has not yet been satisfactorily explained. It is not caused by the wind, for it is heard during perfect calms. It has been conjectured that changes of temperature, which tighten or loosen the wires, probably produce the sound.

Most Active Volcano.

Mount Sangay is the most active volcano in the world. It is situated in Ecuador, is 17,120 feet in height, and has been in constant activity since 1728. The sounds of its eruptions are sometimes heard in Quito, 150 miles distant, and once 267 reports were counted in one hour.

Chinese Moral Law.

Chinamen wear five buttons only on their coats in order that they may keep in sight something to remind them of the five principal moral virtues which Confucius recommended. These are humanity, justice, order, prudence and rectitude.

Intoxicated.

A worthy, who had got inebriated in his peregrinations accidentally stumbled against the pump, put his arms round it, and on feeling the handle of same, exclaimed: "Now, sonny, pit down yer stick an' I'll fight ye."—Weekly Telegraph.

Two Uninviting Prospects.

"Think what a dreadful world this would be," says an exchange, "if all the people were just like you." But think how much more dreadful it would be if they were just like your neighbor.—Kansas City Journal.

English Praise of Baseball.

In many ways baseball is a game particularly suitable for the youth of England. To excel at it requires many of those qualities which are particularly lacking in British sport generally.—Fry's Magazine, London.

Water Always Calm.

In the Gulf of Mexico, ten miles south of Sabine Pass, is a calm stretch of water two miles long and three-quarters of a mile wide. It is known as the Oil Spot, and is always placid.

Uncle Allen.

"The good that men do," said Uncle Allen Sparks, "may be interred with their bones, as the poet says, but the good they don't do will be found mentioned on their tombstones."

Pedigreed Arab Horses.

The purest breed of Arab horses are the Kochani, whose genealogy has been preserved for 2,000 years. They are said to be derived from King Solomon's stables.

Popular Word.

"Forbidden" is a familiar word abroad. In Italy it is "vietato," in Germany "verboten" or more politely "untersagt," and in France "defendu."

"Brother Jonathan."

The original "Brother Jonathan" was Mr. Jonathan Trumbull, governor of the state of Connecticut during the American war of independence.

Swiss Are Hotel Keepers.

The Swiss are the hotel keepers of Europe. Various Swiss syndicates are running civilized hotels in all the places where the multitude go.

Kangaroo's Long Leap.

Kangaroos readily leap from 60 to 70 feet. The greatest recorded leap of a horse is 37 feet.

Work Strengthens Eyes.

Watchmakers, despite their difficult work, rarely suffer from eye trouble of any kind.

Peculiar African Forest.

The most extraordinary forest in the world was discovered by Dr. Welwitsch, and occupies a tableland some six miles in width, near the west coast of Africa. The peculiarity of the trees is that, though their trunks are as much as four feet in diameter, they attain the height of only a foot. No tree bears more than two leaves, and these attain a length of six and a breadth of two feet.

English Intensity.

The Englishman loves nothing so much as practical activity. It is this trait which has raised him to such an important position in politics and industry, and which has given birth to English sport. Not this alone, however, but the fact that the Englishman does nothing half-heartedly or on a small scale, but entirely, intensely, with his whole heart.—Frankfurter Zeitung.

The Perfect Ear.

The perfect ear should be about twice as long as it is broad. It should be delicate and pink, and should touch the head with the back of the upper part. Outstanding ears are hopelessly disfiguring. A woman who is afflicted with this kind of a beauty blemish should dress her hair in a way that will partly hide her ears.

And His Hair Was Thin.

An English authority on athletics gives it as his judgment that men could not engage in the game of ball after they have reached the age of thirty years. When a man is thirty years old he is supposed to have arrived at the age of reason.—Los Angeles Times.

Pigs, Shoats and Hogs.

When does a pig become a hog? Some authorities say when it is big enough to hold its own with the hogs at the trough. That sounds very well, but it is not right. Prof. Jay D. Lents, of Concord, says a pig does not become a hog but a shoat, and the shoat becomes a hog.

Much Money Sent to Italy.

A single bank in Naples receives half a million dollars a year sent out of the United States by temporary Italian residents. The same bank has received from Italians in Argentina and Brazil \$25,000 and \$425,000, respectively, in one year.

Our Records.

Let us not in our pride forget that in future ages people, scanning the records we leave, will wonder at the fact that we had the audacity to claim to be civilized when it was necessary for us to have policemen to keep us in order.

Some Foes of Memory.

Scientists have discovered that the memory is stronger in summer than in winter. Among the worst foes of memory are too much food, too much physical exercise, and, strangely enough, too much education.

Higher Than Mount Everest.

Mount Everest is 29,002 feet high; but lately it is believed that two peaks behind Everest are actually higher than it, which hitherto has been considered the highest mountain in the world.

Real Old-Fashioned Umbrella.

There has been discovered at Greenock, England, an old-fashioned umbrella with whalebone ribs, which must be quite 120 years old. When opened it affords shelter for a whole family.

A Rich Possession.

This was found my chief prayer: A place of ground, not too large, with a garden and a spring of never-failing water near my house, and a little woodland beside.—Horace.

Growth of Cotton Industry.

In 1800 100,000 bales of cotton would have lasted the Lancashire mills for a year; now the same amount only feeds their spindles for a day and a quarter.

Uncle Eben.

"A person dat has no money dan he knows wat to do with," said Uncle Eben, "pears to be a good deal like a man wif de dyspepsia in a house full of pie."

"Presumption" of Death.

An English court has just allowed the heirs of a young man who went down with a ship in a storm in the Indian ocean in 1857 to "presume" that he is dead.

Marriage Gate Another Frosting.

And now even the frosting of the wedding cake is said to harbor germs. Thus one more is added to the list of obstacles on the road to marriage.

African Mountain Sinking.

Jebel Naiba, a mountain near Bona in Algeria, is gradually sinking. Around its base a huge depression grows steadily deeper.

Dispositions Unchanging.

Believe it thou wilt that mountains change their places, but believe not that men change their dispositions.—Mohammed.

Highest Town on Earth.

Pasco, in Peru, is the highest town in the world, standing as it does 14,375 feet above sea level.

First Use of Surinamese.

During the reign of Edward the Confessor of England the practice of employing surinamese began.

A Dream Burglar.

A Patterson (Ga.) grocer dreamed the other night that he had a struggle with a burglar who had entered a window of his room. The struggle became so real that the sleeper jumped from his bed and tried to kick the burglar out of the window. The result was that he lacerated his foot and leg on the glass, woke up and found himself bleeding from numerous wounds. He is a total abstainer, and cannot account for his dream.

Signs of Social Preeminence.

Mrs. Fod Ruggles, who lives down on Pea Ridge, has become quite a social lioness. She gave a sassafras tea and pigs' feet luncheon last night to the ladies of the Jesokus society and it was quite a swell affair. She wore her tailor-made suit and Benicia diamond earrings and presided with the grace of a queen. These Pea Ridge social functions are becoming much talked about in neighboring towns.—Edgemoor, S. C. Chronicle.

Male Deterioration in England.

We women are to blame a good deal for man's deterioration. We do not exact enough from him. We admit cubs and bores to our houses, allow our ballroom walls to be propped up by impertinent youths, who find dancing "a bore," and refuse to be introduced to a girl until they have learned the probable amount of her dot.—"Spinster," in M. A. P.

Denouncing the Monocle.

A single eyeglass is a thing in its nature altogether monstrous and devilish. The man who can put a glittering decoration in one eye and not in the other is blaspheming the balance and decency of the human form. He is capable of wearing a trowser on one leg, or his moustache on one side of his face.—G. K. Chesterton, in Illustrated London News.

Nutmegs.

The nutmeg, properly clothed, is about the size of a peach and is an edible fruit. When ripe it breaks open in halves, and our warm friend, dressed in a scarlet undershirt, peeps out laughingly. The undershirt soon turns brown and is called mace.—Stewart's Bulletin.

Wholesome Philosophy.

To make the most of dull hours, to make the best of dull people, to like a poor jest better than none, to wear the threadbare coat with a smile, to hitch your wagon to the old horse when no star is handy, this is a wholesome, even if humble, philosophy.—Bliss Perry.

Love Laughs at Age.

A woman living near Long Sutton, in Lincolnshire, England, who is 70 years of age, is going out to Australia to marry her old lover whom she lost trace of 50 years ago. Since they separated she has gone to the altar three times and the man twice.

Knowledge Unnecessary.

A man doesn't know any more about the lines in the hand than he knows how much lead goes into ple cruet, but he can get a girl to let him hold her hand any time while he pretends to know all about it.—Atchison Weekly Globe.

Diderot and Scott.

Diderot is reported to have said that he would cut off an arm not to have written a certain one of his novels. Some attribute to Scott the saying that he had written no line which dying he would wish to blot.

The New Standard.

So few women are not smartly dressed nowadays that the new standard of praise is "She wears her clothes well." Better this than beauty that fades.—Boston Herald.

Not All on the Surface.

Sympathetic people are often uncommunicative about themselves; they give back reflected images which hide their own depths.—George Eliot (Marian Evans).

Predicts Scarcity of Men.

Men are becoming scarcer year after year. So says a German statistician; and he predicts that 3,000 years hence there will be only one man to 220 women.

Orinoco's Many Tributaries.

The river Orinoco has more tributaries than any other river. The total number is put at 2,500, including 436 large streams.

Trees Full of Violets.

In two years French florists change the violet into a two-foot tree, carrying 25 to 300 flowers throughout the year.

Diving Bell Long Known.

The diving bell was used in Phoenicia B. C. 320, but not used in Europe until about 1500.

Englishman Invented Piano.

Father Wood, an English monk at Rome, is credited with the invention of the piano in the year 1711.

Csar's Motor Car.

A motor car has been constructed in Austria for the csar at a cost of \$25,000. It is armored like a war vessel.

Many a Half Million of People are Always on the Sea.

When Football Was a Crime. Football was a crime in England during the reign of Henry VIII.

Notice for Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Land Office at Marquette, Mich. Sept. 26, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the clerk of the Circuit Court at Grayling, Mich., on Oct. 23rd, 1906, viz:

Homestead entry No. 9,981 of Peter W. Stephan, for the NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 32, Tp. 27 N. R. 2 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Henry Stephan, Reuben Sidney Babbitt, Ernest Babbitt and Hugo Schreiber all of Grayling, Mich. THOMAS SCADDEN, Register.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that at the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Wexford, application will be made by the undersigned for leave to construct and maintain a dam across the Manatee river, for the purpose of obtaining power to operate an electric light and power plant. Said dam to be located in or near the section line between sections one and twelve of Town Twenty-four, North of Range Ten West, at some point on the East half of the South-west Quarter of Section one and the East half of the North-west Quarter of Section twelve, or at a point where the river crosses the West half of the North-west Quarter of said Section twelve. Said dam not to exceed forty (40) feet in height, and to be constructed of wood, earth, stone, cement and other proper material, and to be provided with a suitable fish ladder, chute, and apron for the passage of logs and timber, but shall not be provided with a lock. Dated this 10th day of September, A. D. 1906. ELECTRIC LAND & DEVELOPMENT CO. By WM. H. UMLOR, Secretary.

Probate Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN. The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate office in the village of Grayling, in said county, on the third day of September A. D. 1906. Present Hon. Wellington Batterson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Merrey Burton, deceased. James H. Burton, having filed in said court his petition that a certain instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, now on file in said court, be admitted to Probate, and that the administration of said estate be granted to W. C. Johnson, or to some other suitable person.

It is ordered that the first day of October A. D. 1906, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered that, public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

WELLINGTON BATTEPERSON, Judge of Probate.

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